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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on September 3, 2002, Applicant requests entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 40-57, 65, and 66 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 67-70 as follows:

167. (New) A method for stimulating tyrosine phosphorylation of a Flt4 tyrosine kinase receptor in a Flt4-expressing cell, comprising contacting a cell with a polypeptide comprising amino acid residues 21 to 419 of SEQ ID NO:3 in an amount effective to stimulate tyrosine phosphorylation of said Flt4 kinase receptor.